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Obed Wild & Scenic River



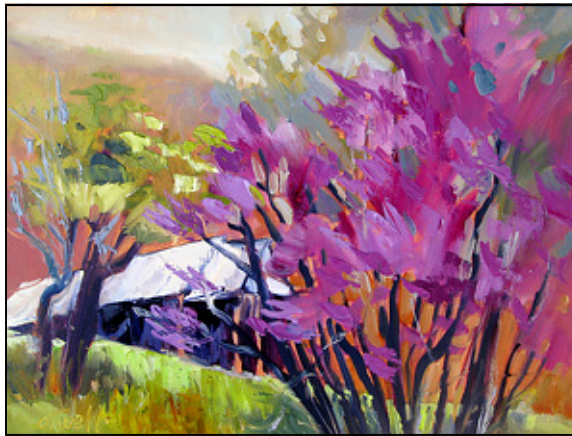
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Come meet the Artist in Residence. Penny Otwell arrives on February 19th and will offer open studio hours on Saturdays & Sundays (3 to 5 pm) and Wednesdays (4-6pm). Stop by the Interpretation and Education Building near the Bandy Creek Visitor Center to see her in action.

Recycling Efforts Continue to Improve at Both Parks. During 2012 Big South Fork NRRRA had a diversion rate of 44.7% and Obed WSR had a rate of 53.7%.

Prescribed Spring Burning to Begin in Big South Fork . During the next two months, fire crews will be conducting prescribed burning within Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Plans call for burns varying in size from 38 to 520 acres to occur in both Kentucky and Tennessee., if appropriate weather conditions occur. During a prescribed burn, all roads and trails in the burn area will be temporarily closed for visitor safety. Please contact the park's Bandy Creek Visitor Center for the latest information on the current status of the prescribed burns and associated closures. The park's Facebook and Twitter sites will also announce all burning activities as they occur.



Spring in the Foothills by Artist in Residence
Penny Otwell.

Current Job Opening for Park Ranger (Protection) located in Oneda. *Job Announcement # SROC-BISO-13-829361.* Application due by 02/11/2013. This is a temporary position. *The vacancy announcement can be viewed at:* <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/PrintPreview/336115900>

Memories of the Obed program series begins on Saturday, February 9th, at 1:00 p.m. (EST). This free program will be held inside the Obed Visitor Center and will be the first of several regular programs that will explore the unique river-related memories of local individuals. Each month, a different speaker will discuss their memories of life in the vicinity of the river and will provide a window into what life was like in more simple and self-sufficient times.

The first Memories of the Obed program will feature Ola Melton, long-time resident of Shady Grove who has hunted and fished along the Obed River for more than seventy years. Memories to be shared include logging in the park area and the construction of the railroad tunnels at Nemo. No reservations are required to attend this program.

Junior Ranger Learn about Bears on Saturday, February 16th at 1 pm at the Obed Visitor Center. For children of all ages, this program will focus on the lives and habits of these large and furry mammals, especially in and around the Cumberland Plateau. Immediately following the black bear talk, participants can earn a Junior Ranger patch and badge and will be sworn in as official National Park Service Junior Rangers.

Volunteers Always Welcome. Many rewarding opportunities are available to make a difference in the park. If you are interested in volunteering at Obed, please contact Moria Painter, Volunteer Coordinator at (423) 346-6294.

For more information , contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275 or visit us at:

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